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Editorial

In all the things that take place in this old world there needs must be a driving force behind it. It takes organization, it takes patience, it takes leadership and initiative to accomplish worthwhile projects. It is lacking, this driving force, in Raymond. We need a civic organization to work for the betterment of the community. To see that all the things we talk of on the street are put into operation. We need an organization representing all the members of the community, with membership open to all the people, men and women alike, with the welfare of the district and town and community as a whole at heart.

It doesn't take a lot of money to operate an organization like that, but it does take co-operation, leadership and determination of all concerned to work together.

Service for the betterment of mankind carries its own reward in the knowledge that you have given something of yourself to it and that through your efforts someone has benefited. If we can benefit ourselves by working together for the common good we all share in the glory of it.

We need the leadership of some man or woman in Raymond to start a civic organization, one that will take in everyone and be of benefit to the community.

Stop forth someone and start the ball rolling.

FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE

Both the provincial and federal governments were offered a suggestion of high practical value in the address of Dr. Mary Johnstone, M.B.E., who told the Women's Canadian Club of Edmonton something about the value of the medical flying service now operating in Australia.

The establishment of air ambulances for the regular use of civilians and a nursing and medical service by airplane would add immeasurable inducements for the settlement of Canada's Northland.

Dr. Johnstone told graphically of her experiences as a country doctor in Northern Alberta where, she said, many lives could be saved by a flying medical service. Great distances, bad roads, and severe weather she said, all contribute to the impossibility of getting patients to hospital.

Her suggestion for the establishment of such a service has a large humanitarian value. No sum is too large to spend if only a single life is in jeopardy because of the unavailability of medical service in remote areas.

The proposal, however, has an additional economic value.

Nothing militates so strongly against the establishment of homes in the north country as the unwillingness of potential settlers to take their wives and families into districts where they cannot be assured

"Take It Easy" Slogan Is Urged On Drivers

With the volume of motor traffic on the increase, officials of the Alberta Motor Association are drawing fresh attention to the slogan, "Take It Easy".

This year there are indications that more cars than ever before will be on the highways. Tourists are certain to visit the province in record numbers.

The number of car licenses issued by the provincial secretary's department is far in excess of a year ago. Within a short time after new licenses went on sale more than 60,000 had been issued.

A study completed by the American Automobile Association shows that when car speeds are increased from 35 to 65 miles per hour, car operating costs increase from a little over two and a half cents to approximately six cents per mile.

Based on a 1000 mile trip, the average car driven at the higher speed consumes four and a half times more oil and twice as much gasoline than the moderate 35 miles per hour speed. Tire wear and repair costs are tripled.

The high cost of fast driving is another good reason why drivers should Take It Easy.

of adequate medical attention.

No man with family feelings is completely satisfied with a situation where the life of his wife may depend upon some haphazard "mercy flight."

With two-way radio telephone communication and a regularly organized medical service by air, every settler in even the furthest point could be assured of some measure of health safety.

The development of such a service in this province need not await federal government action. Alberta in this regard has a problem peculiarly her own.

The government of this province would take a forward step if the present session of the legislature were asked to consider the formation of a flying medical service, not only as a humanitarian measure, but as a contributing factor in the settlement of the north.

—Edmonton Bulletin Editorial.

Stirling

Due to poor mail service our district news has not been arriving in time for publication the week it should. We are publishing the news of two weeks in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Kietz Humphries spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Christensen.

Mrs. Margaret Young was hostess to the Ladies of the U and I Club on Thursday afternoon. A pleasant social afternoon was spent and a delicious lunch was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hirsche are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son at the Galt Hospital Lethbridge.

Mrs. Barbara Skinner left Monday for her home in Tremonton, Utah after visiting here with her parents for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Olive Peterson had as her mothers day guests on Sunday her four daughters, Mrs. Geneva Erickson of Raymond, Mrs. Hilda Reed of Coalhurst, Mrs. Chloë Boyden, Pearce and Mrs. Alta Erickson of Picture Butte.

Word has been received here of the death of Leon Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardy of Rosemary, former old time residents of Stirling. Mr and Mrs. Ray Hardy left Sunday to be in attendance at the funeral.

Speakers at the Sunday evening church service were Miss Lavon Matkin, Elder Lloyd Ririe and Elder Dennis Fletcher, all of Magrath. Elmer Fletcher, accompanied by his wife, gave two violin numbers which were much appreciated. Mrs. Dennis Fletcher accompanied the visitors.

A special Mother's Day program was presented on Sunday morning by the children of the Sunday School. A large crowd of mothers was present and each received a potted plant as a token from the Sunday School.

Mrs. Editha Young, Tom and Rog

er Fisher motored to Great Falls on Friday and remained over the week end while there they expect to attend the day show.

Mrs. Jesse Olesha returned home from the hospital and is much improved in health.

Roy Spackman in company with his mother, Mrs. Fred Spackman and his sister Mrs. Quinn Jensen, left Monday for Edmonton to be in attendance at the Convocation Exercises of the University of Alberta. Roy, who has been a medical student for the past four years will graduate from his course and receive his M.D. Degree after which he will enter the Royal Alexander hospital for his intern work.

PLANS TO IMPROVE 2000 MILES OF ROADS

Improvements over 2000 miles of highways are planned this year by the provincial public works department, according to information by the Alberta Motor Association.

The program, to be financed out of the \$12,500,000 road program covers 545 miles of construction to standard earth grade on main and secondary highways, 573 miles of first course gravel surfacing on main and secondary highways and 247 miles of asphaltic surfacing with 209 miles of stabilized gravel base course on main and secondary highways.

One of the major projects will be paving of the 67 mile stretch between High River and Macleod.

The program also includes paving between Lethbridge-Macleod and Macleod-Pincher.

A 22 mile stretch between Ponoka and Wetaskiwin also is to be completed this season.

One of the main bridge projects will be the erecting of a bridge over the Old Man river. This will be an eight span 800 foot bridge.

Work already has commenced on some projects under favorable weather conditions.

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News From The Wheat Pool

POOL RESERVE PURCHASE

The Alberta Wheat Pool has mailed cheques to a value of \$602,801.84 covering the purchase of Pool reserves from the estates of deceased Pool members and also from former members who attained the age of 75 years as at December 31, 1947.

In recent months the Alberta Pool has also redeemed reserves to the value of \$89,781.39 from members who had passed their 65th birthday on December 31, 1947, and who had ceased to have any interest in grain producing land.

The total payment in redeeming all categories of reserves during the current year was \$692,583.23. The reserves thus redeemed were contributed by the membership between the years 1923 and 1928.

Reserves are purchased on one hundred cents on the dollar. They will be re-issued in the form of patronage dividends to patrons of Alberta Pool Elevators.

COARSE GRAINS ADJUSTMENT PAYMENT

The Alberta Wheat Pool mailed cheques totalling approximately \$530,000 to farmers who delivered oats and barley between August 1 and October 21, 1947. The payment was 14½¢ a bushel on barley and 10½¢ on oats.

From August 1 to October 21 of last year the federal government maintained ceiling prices of 65¢ a bushel for oats and 93¢ a bushel for barley, basis Fort William. Farmers who delivered those grains in that period had to accept those prices. On October 21st the ceilings were removed and prices advanced sharply, creating an unfair situation to those who delivered oats and barley earlier.

This matter was discussed at the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool held last November, and a decision was reached to refund excess earnings on the volume of oats and barley delivered prior to October 21st to the farmers who had made such deliveries.

Grain producers can increase their Pool reserve holdings by patronizing Alberta Pool Elevators. Alberta Pool reserves are valuable property.

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